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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7-9 and 11.

Claims 1-6, 10, 12 and 13-14 are withdrawn.

1. (Withdrawn) A device with a starter-generator for internal

combustion engines, the combustion engine having a centrifugal mass for

stabilizing its smoothness of running, with at least one first nonpositive clutch

and a flywheel generator which is actuated by means of an electrical energy

source and is effectively connected with a selectable gearbox, wherein the

nonpositive clutch is provided between the flyweel generator, which can be

actuated by means of an electrical energy source, and the combustion engine,

and wherein the flywheel generator forms the centrifugal mass of the combustion

engine.

2. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, further

including a further clutch provided between the flywheel generator and the

selectable gearbox.

3. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1 wherein a

positive clutch is integrated into the selectable gearbox as an additional clutch

on the input shaft.

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4. (Withdrawn) The device according to claimn1, wherein the

flywheel generator is designed as a brake.

5. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the

friction clutch and the flywheel generator are designed as a starter-generator

subassembly, which can be inserted between the engine and the gearbox.

6. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the

friction clutch, the flywheel generator and the positive clutch are designed as a

starter-generator subassembly, which can be inserted between the engine in the

gearbox.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a device with a

starter-generator for a vehicle containing an internal combustion engines engine,

the combustion engineass device having a centrifugal mass for stabilizing its

smoothness of running of the engine, with at least one first nonpositive non form

engaging clutch and a flywheel generator which is actuated by means of an

electrical energy source anis and is effectively connected with a selectable

gearbox, wherein the nonpositive non form engaging clutch is provided between

the flywheel generator, which can be actuated by means of an electrical energy

source, and the combustion engine, and wherein the flywheel generator forms

the centrifugal mass of the combustion engine, said method comprising the steps

of:

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before the combustion engine is started, the flywheel generator is

decoupled at least from the combustion engine and is separated from drag

torques on the gearbox side and/or the gearbox is shifted to neutral, after which

subsequently the flywheel generator is brought into effective connection with the

energy source until it the flywheel has reached it's a specified speed, and

the combustion engine is then connected up to the flywheel generator by

means of the nonpositive non-form engaging clutch.

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